

WAIVER OF COUNSEL

S.J.C. Rule 3:10, s 3

DOCKET NO(S).

**Trial Court of Massachusetts
Juvenile Court Department**

DIVISION

VS.

WAIVER OF COUNSEL**I. STATEMENT OF PARTY**

I, _____ have been informed of my right to have a lawyer represent
(NAME OF PARTY)
me at every stage of the proceedings* in this case, and that if I cannot afford to hire my own lawyer,
this Court will assign the Committee for Public Counsel Services to provide representation for me.

**KNOWING THAT I HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE A LAWYER REPRESENT ME, I NEVERTHELESS
ELECT TO PROCEED IN THIS MATTER WITHOUT A LAWYER AND WAIVE MY RIGHT TO SUCH
A LAWYER.**

Signature of Party_____
Printed or Typed Name of Person Signing_____
Signature of Parent or Guardian
if Juvenile/Incompetent_____
Printed or Typed Name of Person Signing

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

*** A parent in a Child in Need of Services (CHINS) case is entitled to counsel only at the dispositional phase of the proceeding if the judge is considering awarding custody to the Department of Social Services. *In the Matter of Hilary*, 450 Mass. 491, 880 N.E.2d 343 (2008).**

II. CERTIFICATE OF JUDGE

I hereby certify that the party named above has been informed, by me, of the right to counsel in accordance with the Supreme Judicial Court Rule 3:10 and G.L. c. 211D, § 5; that the party has knowingly elected to proceed without a lawyer and

_____ has executed a waiver of counsel in my presence;

_____ has refused to sign a waiver.

Signature of Judge_____
Printed or Type Name of Judge_____
Date